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II. ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

In paragraph 12 of its decision 93/42 of 18 June 1993, the Governing Council decided to reconvene, if necessary, for a one-day special session to make any appropriate recommendations on the modalities detailed in the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 and commented upon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and on the information provided by the Secretary-General on staffing arrangements, prior to consideration of the issue by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session (1993). ACABQ provided recommendations in its report on institutional and administrative arrangements governing the integration of UNDP/OPS in the Department for Development Support and Management Services (A/48/7/Add.1 of 4 November 1993).

In accordance with decision 93/42, and taking into account the recommendations of ACABQ contained in document A/48/7/Add.1 of 4 November 1993, the President of the Governing Council, in consultation with the Bureau of the Council and the Administrator, has convened a one-day special session of the Governing Council in order to allow the Council to make recommendations on the Office for Project Services prior to the consideration of the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

2. Office for Project Services

In paragraph 5 of its decision 93/42, the Governing Council accepted the outlined modalities for the transfer of the Office for Project Services as set out in document DP/1993/70, subject to the requirements specified in sub-paragraphs (a)-(h) and on the understanding that the modalities would be clarified further and solutions reached prior to the transfer taking place and that the date of 1 January 1994 should be regarded as a target date pending review by the General Assembly, taking into account the views expressed by ACABQ in its report (DP/1993/46).

In paragraph 9 of its decision 93/42, the Governing Council also requested the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Administrator, to address the concerns of the Council expressed in decision 93/42 and, in particular, those in its paragraph 5 (a)-(h), in the context of preparing and submitting the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995.

The Governing Council, in paragraph 10 of its decision 93/42, also requested the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Administrator, to present detailed information regarding the arrangements to give effect to the principles in paragraph 5 (d) by 1 September 1993.

Information requested in paragraphs 9 and 10 of Governing Council decision 93/42 was provided in the report of the Secretary-General on institutional and administrative arrangements governing the integration of UNDP/OPS in the Department for Development Support and Management Services (A/48/502), submitted to the General Assembly under item 123 entitled "Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995".

The report of the Secretary-General (A/48/502) was considered by ACABQ in November 1993. The recommendations of the Advisory Committee are contained in document A/48/7/Add.1.

Further information has since been made available in two addenda to the report of the Secretary-General concerning organizational and budgetary arrangements for United Nations/OPS (A/48/502/Add.1) and financial regulations and rules to govern United Nations/OPS activities and operations (A/48/502/Add.2). These addenda were submitted to ACABQ. The Advisory Committee began its consideration of these documents on 7 December 1993. As of the present time, the Advisory Committee has not yet concluded its deliberations on the matter.

The Governing Council has thus before it for its consideration of this item the report of the Secretary-General, contained in document A/48/502, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to this report, contained in document A/48/7/Add.1, and additional information to the report of the Secretary-General, contained in documents A/48/7/Add.1 and A/48/7/Add.2.

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DRAFT DECISION SUBMITTED BY
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Office for Project Services

The Governing Council,

Reaffirming its decision 93/42 of 18 June 1993,

Underlining the importance it attaches to ensuring that the Office for Project Services is not adversely affected by any change in its status,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General report (A/48/502 and Add. 1 and 2);

2. Further takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/48/7/Add.1);

3. Decides that the Office for Project Services shall remain within the United Nations Development Programme until 1 January 1995 and to review the modalities for its transfer to the Department for Development Support and Management Services at its forty-first session;

4. Decides further that the Administrator shall retain responsibility for the Office for Project Services until 1 January 1995;

5. Also decides that the management board of the Office for Project Services, under the joint chairmanship of the Administrator and the Under-Secretary-General for the Department for Development Support and Management Services, shall clarify further the arrangements for the transfer of the Office for Project Services;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Governing Council at its forty-first session (1994) on the steps taken to clarify the modalities for the transfer as requested in paragraph 5 of its decision 93/42 and by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

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